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SUBJ: SELF-HELP: SOLAR-POWERED WATER DESALINIZATION PROJECT

1. WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING THE POSSIBILITY OF USE OF
EMBASSY SELF-HELP FUNDS FOR A SMALL SOLAR POWERED
WATER DESALINIZATION PLANT. THE MODEL THAT IS NOW UNDER
CONSIDERATION WOULD BE PATTERNED AFTER A PROJECT WHICH
IS BEING BUILT A FEW MILES SOUTH OF KISMAYU. THE PROJECT
WHICH MAY SERVE AS A MODEL WAS DESIGNED BY AN INDIAN
DESIGN FIRM AND IS BEING FUNDED PARTLY BY UNICEF. GIVEN
OUR OWN LACK OF EXPERTISE IN THIS AREA, AND THE LACK
OF LOCAL EXPERTS, WE SHOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING WHETHER
THERE MIGHT BE SOME USG EXPERT WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO
MAKE AT LEAST A CURSORY EVALUATION OF THE MODEL NOW BEING
CONSTRUCTED BEFORE WE PROCEED FURTHER. MOGADISCIO AID DIRECTOR CHARL
ES
CAMPBELL IS TAKING A COPY OF THE PLANS BACK TO WASH. WITH HIM AND
CAN BE REACHED AT AID/AFR/EA.

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2. THIS MAY BE A SOMEWHAT UNORTHODOX APPROACH, BUT WE
FEEL THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE SOME SORT OF
IDEA OF THE WORTHINESS OF THE PROJECT DESIGN BEFORE
COMMITTING OURSELVES. GIVEN THE TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL
FOR USE OF SOLAR ENERGY IN THIS DRY EQUATORIAL COUNTRY,
AND THE NEED FOR WATER, ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS ON THIS
WOULD BE WELCOME.

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